

WISCONSIN CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 3, 2008

HEIDEL HOUSE, GREEN LAKE

Approved June 9, 2009 Annual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Al Klimek at 0920.

ATTENDANCE: An attendance sheet was passed for sign in. Those present: Ralph Shireman (Richland), Nancy Tessmer, Marinette, Robert Kulhanek (Sheboygan), Rebecca Quall (Wisconsin Tissue Bank vendor), Lou Brady (Juneau), Maribeth Barbuch (Ozaukee), Chris Doers (Ozaukee), Kent Katalinick (Calumet), Michael Klaser (Calumet), Vicki Hoch (Fond du Lac), Tim Crandall (LaCrosse), John Steers (LaCrosse), Joe Morovits (Crawford), Virginia Douglas (Lafayette), Dani Darr (Rock), Richard Schleifer (Clark), Jeff Jansen (Brown), Nancy Duerr (Brown), Garry Kronstedt (Wood), Kevin King (Shawano), Mike Jesse (Shawano), Kay Gerrits (Chippewa), Bonnie Kindshy (Trempeleau), Mary Johnson (Florence), Susan Kohnert (Trempeleau), Barry Busby (Winnebago), Dr. Doug Kelley (Fond du Lac), Mike Maloney (Burnett), Al Kanugh (Manitowoc), Jennifer Johnson (Manitowoc), Curtis Green (Manitowoc), Sandy Vandertie (Door), Marian Moreno (Door), Traci England (Oneida), Tom Wastart (Marquette), Laurie Parisey (Oconto), Jenifer Keach (Rock), Jon Hagen (Outagamie), Al Klimek (Brown), Diane Brunk (Oneida), Connie Konitzek (Oconto), Janet Reed (Vernon), Ann Kohlbeck (Brown), Ray Wosepka (Dane, retired), Amanda Thoma (Green Lake), Darlene Strey (Green Lake), Shari Wahlers (Green Lake), William Smith (Green Lake), Betty Hinze (Sauk), Mary Shields (Sauk), James Dalbesio III (Price), Angel Hinze (Columbia), Amanda Achterberg (Columbia), Patrick Theder (Jefferson), Robert Schafer (Waukesha), Patrice Plungis (Waukesha), Nicole Bauer (Waukesha), John Griebel (Walworth), Cheryl Anderson (Marquette), Larry Shadick (Langlade), Mark Schoeberle (Portage), Paul Mattlin (Portage), Todd Van Langen (Washington), Debra Hampe (Washington), Tom Miller (Walworth), Kurt Barbusicky (Dane), John Stanley (Dane), Casey Swetlik (St. Croix), Kathleen Higginbottom (Door) and Sheri Stahl (Door).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Al Klimek (Brown/Door/Oconto), 1st Vice-President Laurie Parisey (Oconto), 2nd Vice-President Jenifer Keach (Rock), Secretary Jon Hagen (Outagamie), Treasurer Tom Wastart II (Marquette), Trustee John Stanley (Dane), Trustee Mike Jesse (Shawano).

Board members absent are Trustee John Larson (Marathon), Member-at-large Kelly McAndrews (Washington) and Sergeant-at-Arms Scott Rifleman (Portage).

APPROVAL OF 2007 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: The meeting minutes were read to the membership by President Klimek. A motion was made by Garry Kronstadt (Wood) and seconded by Maribeth Barbuch (Ozaukee) to accept the minutes as read. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Al Klimek (Brown/Door/Oconto). Thanked everyone for their support over the past two years. Al briefly touched on several areas of interest.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Laurie Parisey (Oconto). Laurie had nothing to report.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jenifer Keach (Rock). Jenifer spoke about conference information and membership information.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jon Hagen (Outagamie). Jon apologized for not having written copies of the 2007 Annual Meeting available for review of the membership, but did have a written copy along which was read by President Klimek to the membership. Jon suggested that in the future, an electronic version of the minutes be available that could be projected and viewed on a screen by all in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Wastart II (Marquette). Tom produced a written copy of his report for the membership. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes. The checkbook balance as of June 3, 2008 is \$10,828.70. Total cash on hand is \$34,388.41.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: John Stanley (Dane).

A motion was made by Kevin King (Shawano) and seconded by Mary Johnson (Florence) to accept the reports. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Traci England (Oneida). Thanks to Green Lake County for their hard work making this conference a reality at the Heidel House, a beautiful facility. Traci spoke of the winter conference's being held in Wausau the past two years. This has been financially a good thing for WCMEA. Traci encouraged members to get involved on the education committee. Traci has served on this committee for four years. ABMDI credits are again offered for this conference, the third time in a row.

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Jon Hagen (Outagamie). After 14 issues of writing *The Examiner*, Jon has decided to "retire" from that duty. Kelly McAndrews has expressed interest in taking over those duties. Jon did explore the option of utilizing the website routinely for posting of news and information instead of a paper printed and mailed newsletter. Jon acknowledged that RTI has funded the newsletter for the past several issues. Jon also briefly explained about the need for an 8-character password for the website is a security need. Howard Fischer was not able to be present at the meeting. Marc Playman has been assisting Howard lately with the site.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: John Stanley (Dane). John's written summary is attached to this report. Interestingly, John reported that he learned the WCMEA was incorporated originally in 1930, instead of 1952, as had been widely thought for many years. The original article of incorporation apparently has been lost by the Secretary of State's office. This is John's last year on the Board of Directors. John

spoke of 979 and the work that still needs to be done, but Senate Bills 783 and 438 are steps in the right direction. Our association has some legislative support and in the fall, work will resume on bills of interest to our membership. John asked WCMEA members to contact the Legislative Committee with concerns, rather than their elected officials. The WCMEA needs to be a united front for these bills to be passed. John thanked the members for their support.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Jenifer Keach (Rock). Due to a computer glitch, Jenifer is not able to provide firm numbers as to how many individuals are members, or how many counties are members. She will get this information as soon as she is able. Her email is keach@co.rock.wi.us. Only paid members will be allowed to vote in the elections at this annual meeting. The fiscal year now goes from June-June, to hopefully helped with budget concerns.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE: Laurie Parisey (Oconto). No new merchandise was purchased for this conference. All current stock has had prices reduced to liquidate the inventory. Options being explored are ordering items from the internet, contacting a vendor individually, etc. Invoices are available for those wanting to pay later.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

A break was taken, providing an opportunity to meet with the vendors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: John Stanley spoke for the Nomination Committee. John anticipates a busy year with the legislature and reminded the attendees of the need for strong representation of the WCMEA. He also told the membership that people should be sure they can actively serve before deciding to run for office or sign up for a committee.

The nominees for office follow, with the nominations of the committee in **CAPITOL LETTERS**. Election winner are in **BOLD**.

President: Dr. Doug Kelley (Fond du Lac). No nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Gary Kronstadt (Wood), seconded by Barry Busby (Winnebago) to unanimously accept Dr. Kelley as President. Passed unanimously on a voice vote of the membership. Dr. Kelley did address the membership, thanking them for their support and encouraging the membership to get involved with the association. He urged everyone to set aside just two hours a month to work to make WCMEA better.

1st Vice-President: Jenifer Keach (Rock). No nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Richard Schiffler (Clark) and seconded by Kurt Karbuske (Dane) to cast a unanimous ballot for Jenifer Keach. Passed unanimously on a voice vote of the membership. Jenifer did address the membership.

2nd Vice-President: **Angela Hinze** (Columbia). SCOTT RIFLEMAN (Portage) was suggested by the Nominating Committee. Floor nomination for Angela Hinze. A paper ballot vote was taken. Angela Hinze won the vote.

Secretary: **Jon Hagen** (Outagamie). Floor nomination for Laurie Parisey. A paper ballot vote was taken. Jon Hagen won the vote.

Treasurer: **Robert Kulhanek** (Sheboygan). No nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Tom Wastart II (Marquette) and seconded by Gary Kronstadt (Wood) to cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Kulhanek. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Lou Brady** (Juneau). ANGELA HINZE (Columbia) was suggested by the Nominating Committee. Angela is not eligible for this position as she was already elected to 2nd Vice-President. Floor nomination for Bill Smith (Green Lake), Lou Brady (Juneau County), John Steers (LaCrosse County), Richard Schleiffer (Clark County). All nominees were given an opportunity to address the membership. A paper ballot vote was taken. Lou Brady won the vote and accepted the position.

3-year Trustee: **Traci England** (Oneida). Floor nomination for Kevin King (Shawano). Nominees were given the opportunity to address the membership. A paper ballot vote was taken. Traci England won the vote and accepted the position.

2-year Trustee: **Mike Jesse**. Floor nomination for Bill Smith (Green Lake County). A paper ballot vote was taken. Bill Smith won the election.*** (See note below; Mike Jesse is actually in this office).

1-year Trustee: **John Larson**. Floor nomination for Mike Jesse (Shawano). Floor nomination for Tom Wastart (Marquette County). Floor nomination for Richard Schleiffer (Clark County). A paper ballot vote was taken. The first vote resulted in a tie between John Larson and Mike Jesse. A second vote was taken with only those two candidates. John Larson won the vote.

Garry Kronstadt (Wood) and Tom Wastart II (Marquette) made a motion to close the voting process and destroy the ballots. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Tom Wastart II (Marquette County) made a motion, seconded by Jenifer Keach (Rock) to re-open the voting for the positions of 2-year Trustee and 1-year Trustee, after the Board realized that we did indeed need to vote on the positions.

After the elections were completed, a motion was made by Joe Marovits (Crawford), seconded by Gary Kronstadt (Wood), to close the voting process and destroy the ballots. Passed unanimously.

***NOTE: After the meeting was over, it was discovered that the Association had mistakenly voted on the 2-year and 1-year Trustee positions. The WCMEA Constitution was mistakenly misinterpreted, and the trustee positions are continuing. Therefore, Mike

Jesse will serve as the 2-year Trustee. Dr. Kelley did inform Bill Smith of the error, and that Bill will not be an officer.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES: The 2009 Winter Conference will again be held in Wausau, WI, from Sunday, January 4 – Tuesday, January 6, 2009. The conference will be held in conjunction with North Central Technical College, but will not be held on campus this year. The Lodge at Cedar Creek has been designated as the host lodging facility.

The 2009 Summer Conference will be hosted by Chippewa County. The host site is the Sleep Inn, 5872 33rd Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Phone number is 715-874-2900. The dates are Sunday, May 31 through Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Kathryn Gerrits is spearheading the initial groundwork.

Discussion was heard about a host site for the 2010 Summer Conference. John Steers said that LaCrosse County is interested in hosting the Summer 2010 conference. Gary Kronstadt indicated Wood County is also interested, and Angela Hinze said that Columbia County is also interested. John, Gary and Angela made presentations for their various counties. A paper ballot vote was taken. Columbia County won the election. The dates for the 2010 Summer Conference will be Sunday, June 6 to Wednesday, June 9. The location is to be determined.

At 1212, a motion was made by Tom Miller (Walworth), seconded by Jeff Jansen (Brown) to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon K. Hagen, RN, BSN, D-ABMDI
Secretary